1 Inyo County Superior Court 168 North Edwards Street 2 Post Office Drawer U Independence, California 93526 3 Tel: (760) 878-0217 4 5 6 7 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA 8 9 COUNTY OF INYO 10 11 In Re the Matter of 12 PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL VICTIM)

) STANDING ORDER NO.

SISOAD-06-022

STANDING ORDER TO SEAL LAW ENFORCMENT REPORTS TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIAL VICTIM AND WITNESS INFORMATION

(Penal Code § 964)

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California Penal Code § 964 provides that the district attorney and the courts, in consultation with any local law enforcement agencies that may desire to provide information or other assistance, shall establish a mutually agreeable procedure to protect confidential personal information regarding any witness or victim contained in a police report, arrest report, or investigative report if one of these reports is submitted to a court by a prosecutor in support of a criminal complaint, indictment, or information, or by a prosecutor or law enforcement officers in support of a search or arrest warrant.

Penal Code § 964 is an exception to *California Rule of Court*, Rule 243.1, as provided by paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of that Rule.

After consulting with the local law enforcement agencies, the District Attorney of Inyo County and the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Inyo having come to a mutually acceptable agreement with respect to compliance with the provisions and Penal Code § 964, and GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- (1) That all police reports containing any personal confidential information, as defined in Penal Code § 964, regarding any witness or victim that is submitted by a prosecutor in support of a complaint, indictment, or information, or by a prosecutor or law enforcement officer in support of a search or arrest warrant, is to be placed under seal.
- (2) Pursuant to Penal Code § 964(c), this procedure shall not be construed to impair or affect the following:
 - (a) The provisions of Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 1054) of Title 6 of Part 2 of the California Penal Code;
 - (b) Procedures regarding informant disclosure provided by Section 1040 to 1042, inclusive, of the California Evidence Code, or as altering procedures regarding sealed search warrant affidavits as provided by $People\ v.\ Hobbs$ (1994) 7 Cal.4th 948; or,

(c) A criminal defense counsel's access to unredacted reports otherwise authorized by law, or the submission of documents in support of a civil complaint.

(3) Any person who wishes to view a redacted version of the law enforcement report that is under seal pursuant to this Standing Order, may do so by filing an Ex Parte Application for an Order to view the report. The Ex Parte Application shall be heard on the Presiding Judge's Ex Parte calendar.

This Order shall supersede any previous order(s) regarding this matter, and shall remain in effect indefinitely and until such time as the Order is vacated or superseded by order of the Presiding Judge.

Dated: September 1, 2006

Dean T. Stout Presiding Judge